

House Resolution No. 866

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Ted Dorton of Monett, Missouri, has distinguished himself as the Director of the Southwest Area Career Center; and

Whereas, Ted Dorton recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was selected to receive a Pride and Progress Award from the Monett Chamber of Commerce in light of his outstanding service to the community of Monett; and

Whereas, through the hard work and astute leadership of Ted Dorton, the new \$8.8 million, ninety thousand square feet Southwest Area Career Center facility became a reality in 2007; and

Whereas, during his ten years in Monett, Ted Dorton has implemented seven new programs, including the second-in-the-nation Junior ROTC program, at the Southwest Area Career Center; developed the Dual Credit option that gives students college credit for core academic courses; and initiated the very popular Annual Recognition Night Ceremony that gives parents a formal ceremony in which to watch their children graduate; and

Whereas, Ted Dorton prepared for his diverse vocational endeavors by earning an Associate's degree in industrial education from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, a Bachelor of Science degree in trade and industrial education from Oklahoma State University, a Master's degree in secondary school counseling from the University of Missouri, and a Special Vocational Directors Certificate from the Missouri Vocational Administrators Academy; and

Whereas, Ted Dorton brings to the Southwest Area Career Center a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experiences garnered from earlier employment as a welding instructor, vocational special needs coordinator, and counselor and vocational evaluator:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Ted Dorton for a Pride and Progress Award from the Monett Chamber of Commerce and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Ted Dorton of Monett, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Sater
District No. 68

Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 866, adopted February 28, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker